



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Northwest Vermont

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The Commission serves 23 municipalities in Grand Isle and Franklin Counties (combined population 52,318), which border New York and Canada. The region historically served as a gateway to New England and a major transportation corridor for commercial traffic. Its location encouraged the development of steamboat landings and shipping ports on Lake



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Northwest Regional Planning Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and support community outreach activities in Grand Isle and Franklin Counties.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Champlain. This was followed by the development of railroads and then roads. Brownfield sites in the region reflect these transportation shifts. Grand Isle County has been a tourism destination for nearly 100 years. Franklin County serves as the center for the state's dairy and maple syrup production. However, residents face challenges in finding local employment. Sixty-eight percent of Grand Isle and 35 percent of Franklin County residents work outside the county. Brownfields assessment will reduce uncertainties about brownfield sites and allow the development of cleanup and redevelopment strategies. Brownfields redevelopment

is expected to provide employment opportunities closer to home, preserve historic resources, and increase the local tax base.